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Attorney Docket No.

MCA-472Div.

First Inventor

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Title

DISPOSABLE FLUID SEPARATION DEVICE AND
MANIFOLD ASSEMBLY DESIGN WITH EASY CHANGE
OUT FEATURE

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g. PTO/SB/17)
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages **20**]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
-Descriptive title of the invention
-Cross Reference to Related Applications
-Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
-Reference to sequence listing, a table,
or a computer program listing appendix
-Background of the Invention
-Brief Summary of the Invention
-Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
-Detailed Description
-Claim(s)
-Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets **14**]

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1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

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Prior application information: Examiner **Lithgow, Thomas M.** Group Art Unit: **1724**

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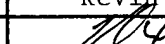
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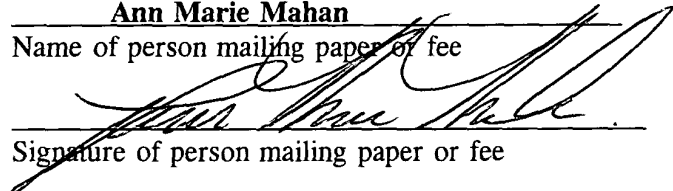
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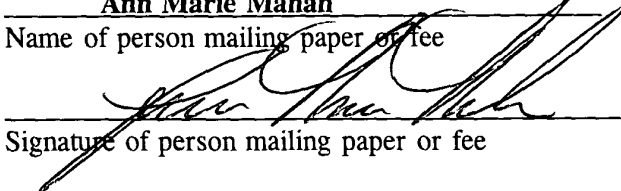
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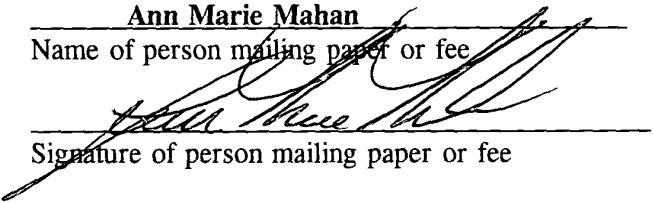
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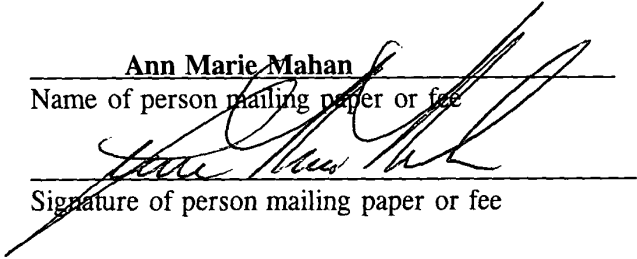
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